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Applicant(s): Elizabeth A. Dauch and John W. Jacobs
Assignee: NEC Electronics America, Inc.
Title: TUNGSTEN PLUG CORROSION PREVENTION
METHOD USING WATER
Application No.: 10/602,291 Filing Date: June 24, 2003
Examiner: Lynne Anne Gurley Group Art Unit: 2812
Attorney Docket No.: NEC0252US Confirmation No.: 1241

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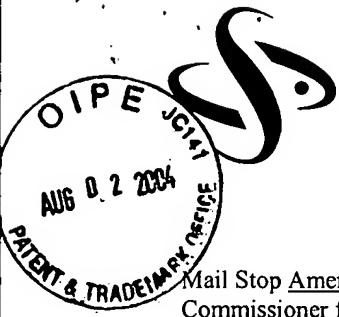
RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on July 29, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (7 pages)

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. <u>Previously Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	9	Minus	20	=	0	x \$18.00	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	=	0	x \$86.00	\$	0.00
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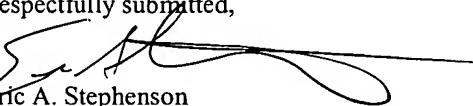
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- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of \$ 0.00
- Also, charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 502306.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop <u>Amendment</u> , Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450/Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450, on <u>7/29/04</u> .	
<u>Eric A. Stephenson</u> Attorney for Applicant(s)	<u>7/29/04</u> Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,


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